

Board Adopts \$2,745,191 Tentative School Budget

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Diamonds Missing

Post Reward For Jewel Theft Tip

SHOPLIFTER HEISTS TWO RING TRAYS

A reward of \$200 was posted yesterday by Howard's Jewelers for information regarding the theft of two trays of diamond rings valued at \$1013 which were stolen from the local jewelry store Wednesday afternoon.

Manager Tom Wilkes said that two trays of gold wedding and engagement rings were stolen from a show case while he and other clerks were waiting on a customer in another section of the store. Stolen were 19 gold rings and one platinum ring.

Exact time of the disappearance of the rings is not known since the theft was not discovered until Manager Wilkes took inventory at closing time, 6 p.m.

The reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft, according to Wilkes.

"The store was quite busy all afternoon and we feel that someone in the store at the time may have seen something occur which they may not have regarded as unusual at the time, but now may occur to them as being connected with the theft," claims Manager Wilkes.

Anyone with any information regarding the diamond theft is urged to contact Wilkes at Howard's Jewelers, 1503 Cabrillo Ave., or the Torrance Police Department.

An all-points bulletin has been issued by the local police.

Slate Summer Dance Classes For Children

The City Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Betty Thomas Dance studios, will offer a special summer program in tap dancing, rhythms, tumbling, baton twirling, and drums, for youngsters in the local area, it was announced this week.

This instruction will be free of charge, and any child over four years of age may register. To participate in the program, a child must be registered by his parents, and registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Registration is taking place this week at the playgrounds listed below, and classes begin next Monday.

Children who live closest to Torrance Park will register and have classes conducted at the Torrance Park Band Shell on Monday, at 10 a.m.; children from Fern and Greenwood schools will register and have classes at the Civic Auditorium on Monday at 1 p.m.; those from McMaster Park, Crenshaw, Perry or North Torrance schools will register and have classes at the McMaster Park Building, on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Children from Walteria Park should register and will have classes at the Walteria Park Building, on Wednesday at 1 p.m.; and those from the Seaside school or from El Retiro Park will register and have classes at the El Retiro Park Building, on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Recreation Department has instructors available for free instruction once a week at the above locations.



OFFERS REWARD . . . Tom Wilkes, manager of Howard's Jewelers, replaces a tray of diamond rings similar to two trays which were heisted from the showcase Wednesday afternoon. A \$200 reward is offered.

Clerks Local Adds 255 to Membership

In one of the largest induction ceremonies ever conducted by the union, 255 persons became affiliated with the Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, in Wilmington Thursday evening. The induction ceremonies, presided over by Barclay Mitchell, acting secretary-treasurer of the local, was held in Shipwrights Hall, Wilmington.

Mitchell said the new members brought the total membership of the local to 1610.



WELL DONE, PLEASE . . . Robert Taylor and Larry Ruskak, both of Cub Pack 228-C, line up for seconds at the Cub-Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at Jim Dandy Market yesterday morning. Market Manager Marlin "Shorty" Modeland dishes up the flapjacks for the hungry Scouters. More than 2000 persons attended the feed.

'Hot Corner' Crash Wrecks Four Cars

A four-car collision at 7:30 a.m. and an auto-truck collision at 1:30 p.m. turned the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Del Amo into a "hot corner" Thursday.

Three persons were hospitalized as a result of the four-car collision Thursday morning.

Homer Wayne Duffield, 25, a building contractor of Los Angeles, was the only driver to escape injury.

Manuel H. Trask, 40, a Los Angeles carpenter, was treated for lacerations and a back injury.

Oliver E. Colburn, 42, a Hughes Aircraft Co. engineer, received lacerations about the body and a fractured right leg.

Robert A. Dethlefsen, a Quinn Dairy routeman, was x-rayed for possible neck and back injuries and released.

Duffield and Trask were traveling south on Hawthorne Ave. and Colburn and Dethlefsen were driving north. Police investigation indicated that Trask was forced into the path of the two northbound cars when Duffield attempted to pass him.

The accident occurred at the point where the boulevard drops down to a two-lane road from a four-lane road.

In the afternoon crash, John W. Wood, 32, of Culver City, was hospitalized with a broken collarbone after he slammed into the rear of a dump truck waiting to make a left turn at the intersection. Driver of the truck, James Vaughn, 29, of Los Angeles, was not injured.

2000 Attend Pancake Feed For Scouting

More than 2000 kids and adults, all friends of Scouting, stuffed themselves on pancakes and syrup yesterday morning at a pancake breakfast held at the Jim Dandy Market, Torrance and Crenshaw Blvds.

Sponsored by Cub Packs 228 and 241, and Boy Scout Troop 219, the affair drew last year's feed by more than 500 persons, according to Marlin "Shorty" Modeland, manager of the Jim Dandy Market.

Proceeds from the affair will be used to finance camp trips for top salesmen of the Boy Scout Troop and to buy prizes for the ace salesmen in the Cub Packs. The major portion of the profits, however, will be credited to the pack and troop treasuries.

Providing entertainment for the breakfasters, were students from the Ferraro Accordion Studio, Three Arts Dance Studio, Voice Instructor Nadine Nikol, and the Gray Studio of San Pedro.

Big Percentage Of New School Budget in Wages

A preliminary budget for the 1953-54 school year totaling \$2,745,191 was approved by the Board of Education in a special budget session here Wednesday evening.

Nearly 75 per cent of the budget is earmarked for payrolls, and the total budget reflects a hike of about \$500,000 over estimated expenditures for 1952-53.

The requested budget for salaries for the coming year shows \$1,628,524 for certificated personnel, \$72,931 for non-certificated personnel, and \$113,500 for other expenses of instruction.

Also included in the budget is a \$10,000 item for undistributed reserve and \$150,000 for general reserve.

State funds totaling \$1,277,934 and federal funds totaling \$75,470 are covered in the budget. County taxes should bring in \$1,300, and district taxes \$1,085,478, the budget shows. An additional \$9100 from tuition transfers and miscellaneous items brings the total estimated revenue to \$2,745,191.

"Since the function of the school district is to buy services for the children attending the schools, the salary and wage items make up a large percentage of the budget," according to Superintendent J. H. Hull.

Budget Hearings Slated in July

Members of the City Council will conduct two hearings on the proposed 1953-54 budget of \$1,165,133 at its next successive meetings to be held July 7 and 21.

Following is the proposed budget as submitted to the council by City Manager George W. Stevens:

1953-54 ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE	
General Fund	
	Proposed Budget
	1953-54
City Attorney	\$11,855
City Clerk	42,238
City Council	3,700
City Custodian	14,892
City Judge	
City Manager	15,325
City Treasurer	6,150
DEPARTMENTS	
Building	\$5,713
Dump	18,670
Engineering	32,590
Fire	216,174
Garage	12,615
Health and Sanitation	47,206
Painting	3,716
Park	90,523
Police	248,782
Recreation	42,396
Street	160,400
Street Lighting	36,880
Civil Service Commission	4,304
Planning Commission	5,080
Recreation Commission	450
Auditorium	3,060
Auditing	2,600
Building Repairs	4,000
City Hall Expense	5,850
County Tax Commission	2,200
Election	13,500
Insurance—Compensation	11,300
Insurance Liability	21,000
Other	3,000
Printing	2,400
Miscellaneous	4,300
Civil Defense	6,186
Chamber of Commerce	5,000
Music Fund	2,400
Promotion	5,000
Bus Operation Fund	19,000
Unappropriated Reserve	75,815
Special Census	
Total Operating Budget	\$1,165,133



TOP TWIRLERS . . . Three of the winners in yesterday's baton twirling contest were (left to right) Diane Shelton, young novice; Janie Barger, novice; and Roberta Fern Caswell, juvenile. Three upper division winners were chosen yesterday afternoon.

Adult Summer School Enrollment Still Open in Several Classes

Enrollments are still being accepted in several summer classes at the Torrance School of Adult Education, Director Vernon Sheblak revealed yesterday.

Upholstery, which is one of the most popular classes, has room for several people in the afternoon class which meets Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 to 5 in the girls gym at Torrance High School. The dressmaking and tailoring class, taught by Bessie Marsh, plans discussion periods on pattern cutting, tailoring and finishing details, in room 114 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:30 to 9:30, said Sheblak.

Ceramics is being offered in three schools with Rosalie Woodin, talented ceramics designer, as instructor. The hours are from 7 to 10 Tuesday at Seaside School, Wednesday at Torrance High School, room 123, and Thursday evenings at North Torrance School. Also, at North Torrance School on Thursday from 7 to 10, is a cake decorating class under the direction of Meta Betts. Miss Betts is conducting a special class in cake decorating for advanced students at Torrance High School, Room 112, on Tuesdays from 7 to 10, Sheblak said.

Lampshade making, a class of particular interest to home de-

Best Southland Baton Twirlers Spin for Honors

The spinning batons of more than 75 twirlers caught the brilliance of yesterday's bright sun as girls and boys from all over the Southland gathered in El Prado Park to compete in the Fourth Annual Baton Twirling Contest.

The contest was sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Band.

Winners in the morning competition which included three of six divisions were: Diane Shelton, first; Christine Marshall, second; Lana Routh, third; and Connie Shoemaker, all in the Young Novice division which includes youngsters up through seven years of age. The winners in the Novice Division, seven to nine years, were: Janie Barger, first; Rita Lynch, second; and Lindie Downs, third. Medal winners in the Juvenile Division, nine to 12 years of age, were: Roberta Fern Caswell, first; Dawnne Nannings, second; and Lee Mickelson, third.

Other winners were: Junior division, Nancy Wiersma; Senior, Phyllis Flemming; Double Baton division, senior winner, Karen Williams; junior, Ann Stroud; Showmanship award, junior, Dawnne Nannings; senior, Phyllis Flemming.

Vandals Strike Church

Someone poured blue and yellow paint over the keys of a piano in the Lutheran Church at 330 Palos Verdes Blvd., Torrance, police were told Thursday evening.



SCOUT SHAKEDOWN . . . Scoutmaster Paul Shinoda (kneeling left) and Assistant Scoutmaster Harry Marshall (far left) check out Torrance members of Jamboree Scout Troop No. 24 at the troop's final shakedown in Lomita Park yesterday. The troop, composed of Scouts from the Harbor area, will leave here July 14 for 10 days at the National Jamboree. Members of the troop from Torrance include David and Paul Shinoda Jr., Don Kelley, Harry Marshall Jr., Darel Kelley, Charles Johnson, Richard Brentwood, Robert Chapman, Roger Ambill, and Denis Brown.